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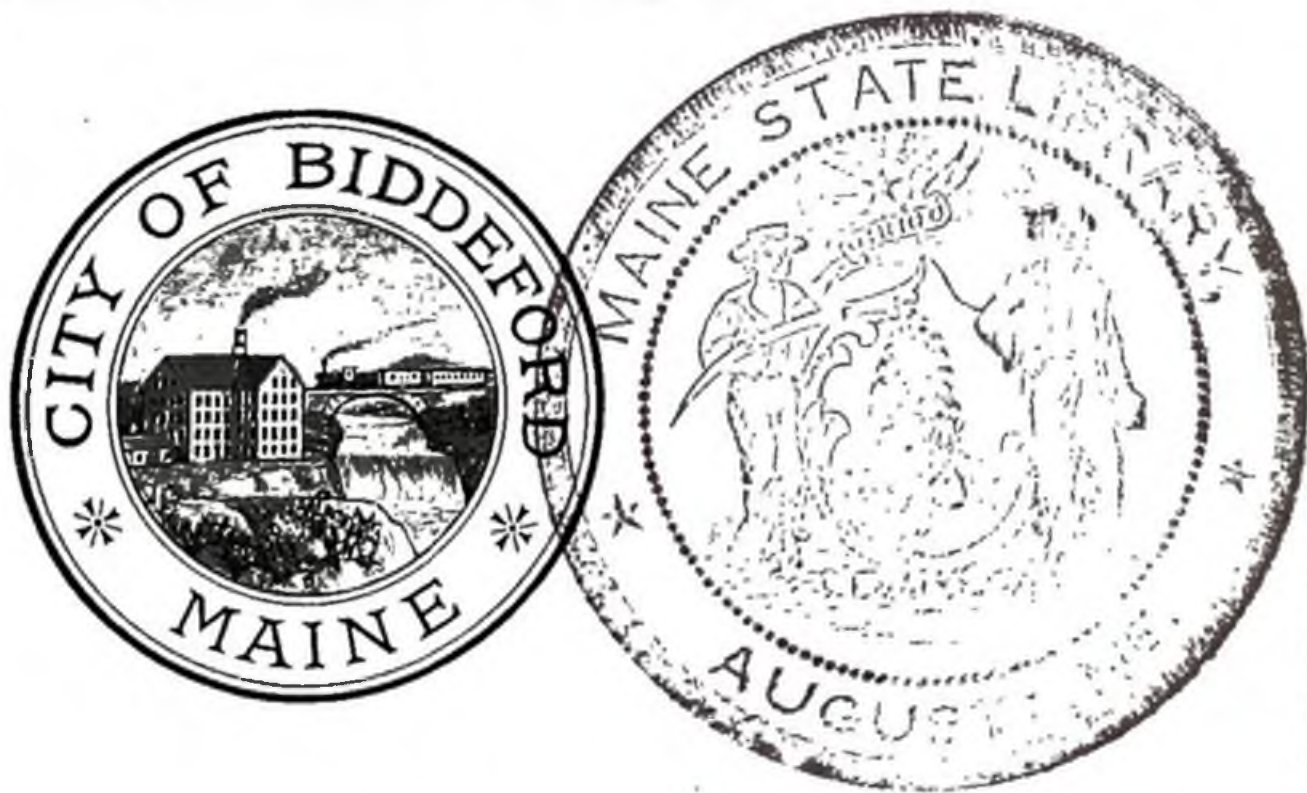
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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
CITY OF BIDDEFORD,

FOR THE  
Fiscal Year Ending January 31, 1901,

TOGETHER WITH THE  
MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

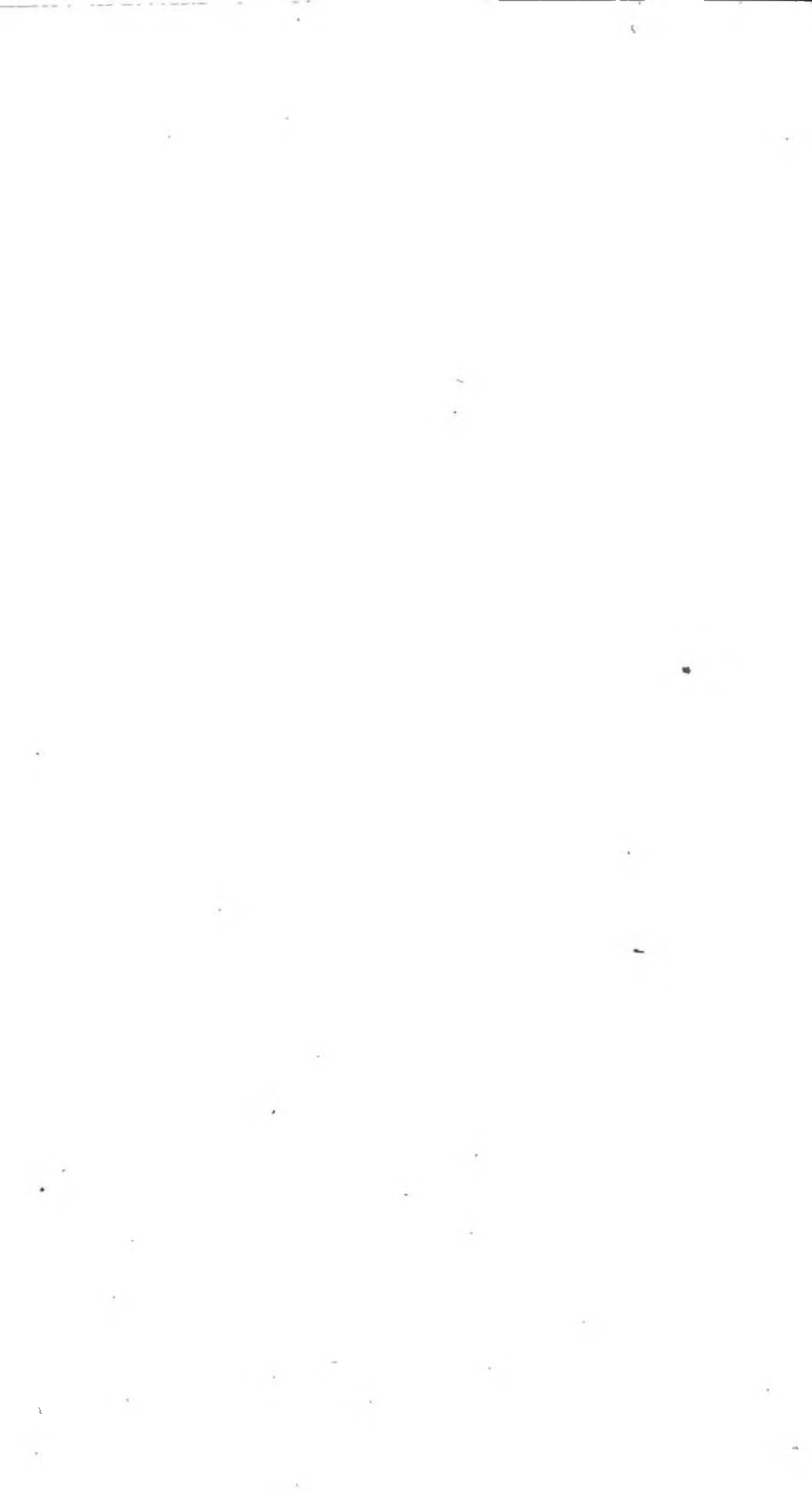


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Mayor's Address.



# MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

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GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

We are about to assume those duties and responsibilities which devolve upon us respectively in the several official stations to which we have been elected.

Through the able efforts of our predecessors this city has acquired a reputation for an enterprising and progressive spirit, and for excellence in its municipal government, which is surpassed by no other in the state; and I trust that we, as the representatives of that policy of retrenchment and reform which has accomplished so much for this municipality, may so discharge our obligations that the general welfare may be further promoted and the good repute of our city more firmly established

As we mentally review existing conditions in and about the city, we see alluring opportunities for general, and in many instances for desirable improvements, but to what extent general or desirable improvements can be made must be a matter of future investigation and consideration. It may be urged upon us that the time has come when somewhat of the economy and retrenchment which has been practiced heretofore may be relaxed, but this policy was one compelled by force of circumstances rather than desire, and so long as those conditions exist,—so long as our city debt exceeds the constitutional limit—we should not, by ambitious purposes, be induced to depart from our former course, but should strive rather to establish

for the city a financial standing that can not be impeached, as speedily as possible, consistently with the general welfare, which must receive our first attention.

To the end that the debt may be reduced to the legal limit as speedily as possible, it seems advisable to make a special appropriation for that purpose of \$10,000 at least.

On the 31st day of January, 1900, the liabilities of the city were as follows :

For Bonds,	\$240,000 00
For Bills Payable,	157,800 00
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Total Indebtedness,	\$397,800 00

The assessors' valuation of the city for the year 1899 was \$6,653,582 89, but much new taxable property has been created during the past year, so that it seems safe to assume that the assessors' valuation for the year 1900 will authorize an indebtedness of at least \$340,000, from which it appears we shall still be \$57,800 in excess of the constitutional limit,—a sum which, compared with what it was five years ago, seems small. But it is sufficiently large to stand in the way to the readjustment of our liabilities whereby a large saving in interest might be made.

We have as assets in uncollected taxes and bounty on seals, \$45,662.61 and in cash \$4,007.97, a total of \$49,670.58.

Ordinarily uncollected taxes are not a very valuable asset, but \$34,431.94 of the amount due on taxes are due on the assessment of last year, and will be largely collected during the present year.

All our bonds and notes, with the exception of \$25,000 in bonds coming due on May 1 of this year, bear a rate of four per cent. interest. The bonds coming due on May 1 bear a rate of four and one half per cent. interest. The rate of interest on desirable securities is less than four per cent., and it is very likely that the bonds about due can be refunded for a rate not much exceeding three per cent. Our interest account has been reduced by an amount representing more than one mill on the rate of taxation, and with the commenda-

ble progress that is being made, it will not require more than two years more to so enable us to refund the debt that a further yearly saving of \$7,000 in interest alone will be made.

It will be necessary to take immediate action concerning the bonds coming due May 1st.

#### SCHOOLS.

The school department naturally demands our first consideration, not only because it is so intimately connected with the interests of the general public, but also because it is the department in which our largest expenditures are made. It does not come immediately under our direction, being vested in the control of a superintending school committee, upon which we must depend for information concerning the financial management and the condition and needs of the schools. There being no report of the school committee now at hand, I can give you no particular information concerning this department at this time. I believe this department is in competent hands and that the schools of the city are doing excellent work.

The amount expended in this department last year was \$31,080.79. More particular information will be presented to you at some future time.

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The police department, like the school department, is not within the general control of the City Council, being vested in a Board of Police Commissioners. In this department there was an appropriation of \$7,500, which was sufficient to cover its expenditures. The Board reports that "Our officers are faithful and diligent and are carefully guarding the property as well as the safety of the citizens of our community." The good order that prevails and the general avoidance of this place by the crooks and criminals attest the ability and efficiency of our police.

There seem to be no requests from this department or recommendations by it which particularly demand our consideration.



## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

For particular information concerning the equipment of this department reference must be had to the report of the Chief Engineer.

During the past year some improvements have been made in the buildings occupied by this department, principally by the construction of a hose tower, which is said to be one of the best in New England. By this particular improvement it is expected that a great saving will be made, by reason of the facilities thereby afforded for the better care of the hose. The Chief Engineer criticizes the character of the buildings occupied by the department, and there may be some justice in his remarks. The city owns the land on Washington street where the department is located, with the exception of the land under the Hook and Ladder building, and it has been recommended that new buildings be constructed there, but in view of the money which has recently been expended on the buildings, it is probable that they will now meet in a satisfactory manner the needs the department till the opportune time, which I hope is not far distant, may arrive when we may provide for our firemen quarters more commensurate with their courage, skill and general efficiency.

The equipment of this department seems to be in a very satisfactory condition except that there is a demand for an additional amount of hose.

## STREETS, SEWERS AND DRAINS.

In the department of streets, sewers and drains there is work that demands our most careful consideration. It requires no extended examination of our system of sewers to see that much of the work that has been done has been of a temporizing character, and although this fact has been apparent for a very long time, nothing has been done to make a start in the right direction. It is not probable that we can do much this year in the matter of sewer construction, but we can, by obtaining plans for a general sewer system, avoid much of the wasteful expenditure that attends our present methods.

One of the most serious questions that must be met concerns the disposition of surface water which accumulates on the ground lying between Hill and Alfred streets, and along the course of Mile Brook. Had the Fall street and the Alfred street sewers been constructed as a part of a general system, much of our present difficulty would have been avoided. There are many matters pertaining to sewers to which I shall call your attention hereafter.

The work of macadamizing our streets has been in progress for several years, and this method of street improvement seems to meet with general approbation. I think we should extend this work and also the construction of brick sidewalks as rapidly as our circumstances will warrant us in doing.

#### CITY LIBRARY.

The Library is located in rooms designed for other purposes and scarcely fitted for a Library and Reading Room. By the gradual increase in number of books and the greater patronage which it now attracts, it has outgrown its present quarters. It has been suggested that a portion of the lot in the rear of the City Building, on South street be set apart for a library building, to be constructed by the Public Library Association. I hope the time will soon come when the City of Biddeford will have a Library Building and a collection of books in which we may all take pride; and if, without detriment to other interests, any portion of the lot on South street can be devoted to Library purposes, I would recommend that it be done.

#### POOR DEPARTMENT.

The poor we have with us at all times, and whether their distress is occasioned by their own improvident conduct, is the result of misfortune, or arises from mental incompetence or from any other cause, our laws have provided for their immediate relief, and no one can justly complain of these beneficial provisions or the principle on which they are founded. But it is the application of abstract principles to particular cases, wherein the difficulty lies. To know when, where and how to extend public aid, in view of the varying conditions under which it may be called for, is the great desiderative.

There is no department in our city which requires more discriminating judgment than this, nor one which requires more careful attention, as a want of either may be attended by an unnecessary expense on the part of the city, or unnatural suffering on the part of the applicant for our charity. The benefit of the doubt should be given to the apparently needy applicant.

The house at the City Farm was repaired during the past year and will need no expenditures of consequence this year. The out-buildings at the farm are somewhat in need of repairs. The reports to which you can refer, will give you particular information concerning this department. The appropriation for this department last year was \$12,500, which exceeded the expenditures by \$1,846.12.

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The roof of the City Building is in a defective condition and has been leaking badly. Many of the seats in the Opera House are badly broken, and there are many minor matters to which I will not now allude but to which I will hereafter call your attention.

NATHANIEL B. WALKER.

Biddeford, March 19th, 1900.

City Government.



# Government of the City of Biddeford for 1900 - 1901.

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MAYOR.

HON. NATHANIEL B. WALKER.

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ALDERMEN.

PRESIDENT, - - - ADELBERT B. GOOKIN.

Ward 1, Adelbert B. Gookin.

Ward 2, Henry P. Atkinson.

Ward 3, J Byron Campbell.

Ward 4, George Wilson.

Ward 5, Ludger J. Renouf.

Ward 6, John F. Hannaway.

Ward 7, Henry G. Hutchinson.

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CITY CLERK.

DAYTON T. MOORE.

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COMMON COUNCILMEN.

PRESIDENT - - - FRANK W. ROBERTS.

CLERK, - - - MICHAEL J. TWOMEY.

Ward 1, Frank W. Roberts, Elmer O. Davis,  
Daniel M. Tarbox.

## COMMON COUNCILMEN (Continued).

Ward 2. John McCourt, George H. Cartier,  
Clarence Gove.

Ward 3, Charles E. Jeffrey, Hector Guilbert,  
John Higginbotham.

Ward 4. Harry W. Libby, Philippe Masse,  
David L. Mulcahy.

Ward 5, Philip Tetrault. Jesse W. Muttart.  
Edgar E. Small.

Ward 6, Frank B. Emery. John B. Beauregard.  
James H. Bradbury.

Ward 7, John W. Maguire, Stanislas Messier,  
Clark R. Wakefield.

Wardens, 1, Jos. C. Edwards ; 2, John Munday ; 3, George M.  
Leavitt ; 4, Silas P. Adams ; 5. \*Frank H. Cousins ;  
6. T. P. McKeering ; 7. F. H. Rumery.

Ward Clerks, 1, G. N. Goldthwaite ; 2, W. Bradbury ; 3. Arthur  
L. Sellers ; 4, Frank M. Shapleigh ; 5. John E. H.  
Townsend ; 6. John W. Twomey ; 7, E. T. Bryant.

Treasurer, Carlos Heard.

Collector of Taxes, James E. Goodwin

City Solicitor, Frank W. Hovey

City Auditor, George R. Andrews.

Judge Municipal Court, B. F. Cleaves.

Recorder Municipal Court, G. L. Emery.

City Marshal, C. B. Harmon.

City Physician, F. L. Davis.

Chief Engineer Fire Department, Benj. Goodier.

First Assistant Engineer, John R. Bonser.

Second Assistant Engineer, Frank L. Hammond.

Janitor, K. W. Sutherland.

\*Died April 11, 1900.

Harbor Master, E. W. Goldthwaite.

Sealer of Weights and Measures, J. W. Gooch.

Assessors, J. B. E. Tartre, Carlos C. Heard,  
S. F. Parcher.

Assistant Assessors,

(1) C. E. F. Goldthwaite ; (2) A. E. Tetrault ; (3) W.  
H. Jeffrey ; (4) Jere F. Sullivan ; (5) Willis Roberts ;  
(6) T. P. McKeering ; (7) Ezekiel T. Bryant.

Overseers of Poor, Municipal Officers.

Clerk of Overseers of Poor, Alfred Bonneau.

Board of Health, E. L. Cowan. Dr. John Lord,  
N. P. Renouf.

Inspector of Buildings, Albert T. Goodwin.

Superintendent of Burials, Elisha Ayer.

City Weighers, Sidney A. Staples,	E. E. Small,
G. E. Morrison,	R. A. Fairfield,
G. L. Griffin,	V. A. Sprague,
J. P. Gendron,	Fred C. Goodwin,
Geo. B. Cutter.	T. N. Goodwin,
James Welch.	

Measurers of Lumber, Wood and Bark, George F. Piper,  
I. E. Davis, J. F. Goldthwaite.

Superintendent of Schools, R. E. Gould.

Superintending School Committee.

D. Goldthwaite, A. Bonneau, S. J. Bassford, J. G Shaw.  
C. H. McKenney, G. B. Littlefield, Jesse W. Muttart,  
Thos. J. McDermott, N. M. West.

Park Commissioners,

W. E. Youland, G. N. Weymouth, J. B. Lowell.

Police Commissioners,

E. H. Banks, N. B. Walker, Jas. F. Tarr.

Librarian, Emma Hatch.



## Street Commissioners.

District No. 4, Gowen Emmons.  
Oak Ridge, I. E. Davis.  
River Road, West, F. J. Potts.  
Fortunes Rocks, A. D. Hutchins.  
Newtown, W. J. Lowell.  
Ward 7, West, Thos. D. Suhr.  
Kennebunk Road, W. W. Center.  
Pool District, George Drown.  
River Road, East, John Richards.  
Ward 7, North, B. J. Dolliff.  
Ward 7, East, Patrick Moran.  
Hollis Road, F. P. Gilpatric.

## JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES.

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### FINANCE.

The Mayor,	Councilman H. W. Libby,
Alderman H. P. Atkinson,	" J. B. Beauregard,
	" S. Messier.

### ACCOUNTS.

Alderman J. F. Hannaway,	Councilman J. W. Muttart,
	" J. H. Bradbury.

### PUBLIC PROPERTY.

The Mayor,	Councilman J. W. Muttart,
Alderman J. F. Hannaway,	" E. E. Small,
	" John McCourt.

### PUBLIC INSTRUCTION AND CITY LIBRARY.

The Mayor,	Councilman F. W. Roberts,
Alderman H. G. Hutchinson,	" Clarence Gove,
	" F. B. Emery.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Alderman J. B. Campbell,	Councilman J. Higginbotham,
" A. B. Gookin,	" H. W. Libby,
	" H. Guilbert.

### PRINTING.

Alderman Geo. Wilson,	Councilman C. E. Jeffrey,
	" F. W. Roberts.

### ORDINANCES.

The Mayor,	Councilman E. O. Davis,
	" S. Messier.

## STREETS, SEWERS, DRAINS AND STREET LIGHTS.

The Mayor,	Councilman J. W. Maguire,
Alderman H. G. Hutchinson,	" D. M. Tarbox,
" L. J. Renouf,	" P. Tetrault,
	" D. L. Mulcahy.

## POOR.

Alderman H. P. Atkinson,	Councilman C. R. Wakefield,
" Geo. Wilson,	" G. H. Cartier,
	" P. Masse.

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## Standing Committees.

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## BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

## ELECTIONS.

Aldermen Gookin, Hutchinson and Hannaway.

## POLICE.

Aldermen Renouf and Atkinson.

## LICENSESES.

The Mayor, Aldermen Wilson and Hannaway.

## ENROLLED BILLS.

Aldermen Campbell, Renouf and Wilson.

## BOARD OF COMMON COUNCIL.

## ELECTION RETURNS

Councilmen J. H. Bradbury, D. L. Mulcahy, G. H. Cartier.

## ENROLLED BILLS.

Councilmen E. O. Davis, C. E. Jeffrey, Clarence Gove.

Treasurer's Report.



## Treasurer's Report.

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
BIDDEFORD :

GENTLEMEN :—I have the honor to submit the following report  
of receipts and expenditures of the city for the year ending January  
31, 1901 :

Balance, cash on hand January 31, 1900,	\$ 4.007 97	
Received from all sources for the year,	286,934 30	
		\$290,942 27
Total payments for the year,	\$280,518 66	
Balance, cash on hand January 31, 1901,	10,423 61	
		\$290,942 27

A statement in detail appears below.

Detailed financial statement of receipts and expenditures of the  
City of Biddeford from the close of the fiscal year, January 31,  
1900, to and including January 31, 1901 :

	Receipts.	Expenditures.
Abatement of taxes,		\$ 1,207 38
Bills payable (outstanding notes),		40,000 00
Bounty on seals,	\$ 53 00	28 00
Bridges,	7 00	1,452 37

	Receipts.	Expenditures.
City Bonds,	\$ 25,000 00	\$ 25,000 00
City Building, including opera house,	5,511 98	6,250 54
City Cemetery,	39 00	167 00
City Library,	71 07	770 77
Contingent fund,	345 50	362 83
County tax,		8,820 91
Dog licenses,	774 25	393 00
Fire Department,	216 84	10,880 47
Free text books,		700 00
General expense,	1,127 71	5,774 24
Health department,		995 53
Highways :		
Dist. No. 4,	533 97	5,827 87
Fortunes Rocks,		371 56
Hollis road,		305 66
Kennebunk road,		174 50
Newtown district,		333 99
Oak Ridge district,		368 54
Pool district,		398 02
River road, E. Div.		448 03
River road, W. Div.,		585 75
Ward 7, N. Div.,		213 73
Ward 7, E. Div.,		511 70
Ward 7, W. Div.,		299 65
Hydrants,		3,900 00
Insane,	449 24	2,383 72
Interest,	1,875 80	17,261 45
Macadamizing,		1,967 48
New streets,		300 17
Pauper department,	308 68	10,659 20
Police department,		7,537 39
Premium on bonds,	3,035 00	
Railroad and telegraph tax,	155 46	

	Receipts.	Expenditures.
Salaries,	-	\$ 5,815 00
Schools,	\$ 356 50	30,341 81
School fund and mill tax,	14,561 81	
Sewers and drains,	277 45	2,999 70
Sidewalks,	12 08	2,031 63
State pensions,	1,152 00	1,152 00
State tax for 1900,		22,006 18
Street lights,		9,520 89
Tax of 1895,	240 93	
Tax of 1897,	1,524 03	
Tax of 1898,	3,500 00	
Tax of 1899,	28,050 00	
Tax of 1900,	147,755 00	
Temporary loan in anticipation of taxes for 1900,	50,000 00	50,000 00
Balance, cash on hand January 31, 1900,	4,007 97	
Balance, cash on hand January 31, 1901,		10,423 61
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	\$290,942 27	\$290,942 27



## CITY BONDS OUTSTANDING.

Due July 1, 1901, 4 per cent,	\$ 25,000 00
“ May 15, 1904, 4 per cent,	50,000 00
“ May 1, 1905, 4 per cent,	50,000 00
“ Sept. 1, 1906, 4 per cent,	10,000 00
“ July 1, 1907, 4 per cent,	10,000 00
“ May 1, 1915, 4 per cent,	25,000 00
“ July 1, 1917, 4 per cent,	45,000 00
“ May 1, 1920, 4 per cent,	25,000 00
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	\$240,000 00

STATEMENT SHOWING THE RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE CITY  
OF BIDDEFORD, JANUARY 31, 1901.

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
*Cash on hand, (see foot note)	\$ 2,423 61	City Bonds outstanding,	\$240,000 00
Due from tax of 1894,	32 20	Bills payable, notes outstanding,	117,800 00
" " 1895,	347 42		
" " 1896,	1,500 00		
" " 1897,	2,875 97		
" " 1898,	1,157 12		
" " 1899,	6,381 94		
" " 1900,	28,925 43		
Bounty on seals, (due from state)	28 00		
Balance account,	314,128 31		
	<u>\$357,800 00</u>		<u>\$357,800 00</u>

AMOUNT OF LIABILITIES JANUARY 31, 1900.

City Bonds outstanding,	\$240,000 00
Bills payable, notes outstanding,	157,800 00
	<u>\$397,800 00</u>
Showing a decrease in liabilities during the past year, of	\$40,000 00

\*In addition to above item "Cash on hand," the city has \$8,000 cash in the treasury to be used for the purpose of paying for the new Main Street Bridge.

Table showing the valuation and indebtedness of the City of Biddeford from 1883 to and including January 31, 1901 :

Year.	Assessor's Values	Outstanding Notes & Bonds.	Close of Fiscal Year Ending
1883	\$5,777,528 00	\$248,025 00	Jan. 31, 1884
1884	6,008,682 00	255,625 00	" 31, 1885
1885	5,981,382 00	273,075 00	" 31, 1886
1886	5,921,417 00	325,925 00	" 31, 1887
1887	5,958,332 00	411,925 00	" 31, 1888
1888	6,067,005 00	412,925 00	" 31, 1889
1889	6,218,380 00	455,425 00	" 31, 1890
1890	6,307,630 00	401,956 00	" 31, 1891
1891	6,385,395 00	404,956 00	" 31, 1892
1892	6,390,040 00	407,665 00	" 31, 1893
1893	6,412,230 00	421,200 00	" 31, 1894
1894	6,567,170 00	451,300 00	" 31, 1895
1895	6,793,573 00	486,300 00	" 31, 1896
1896	6,943,030 00	487,195 15	" 31, 1897
1897	7,010,314 00	454,300 00	" 31, 1898
1898	6,869,095 00	412,800 00	" 31, 1899
1899	6,653,582 89	397,800 00	" 31, 1900
1900	6,772,149 00	357,800 00	" 31, 1901

Very respectfully,

CARLOS HEARD,

City Treasurer.

Biddeford, Maine, Feb. 11, 1901.

## Tax Collector's Report.

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TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
BIDDEFORD :

GENTLEMEN :—Below I submit a statement of my accounts as  
Collector of Taxes for the year 1900.

Total amount of tax levy for 1900,	\$176,571 30	
Total amount of supplemental tax for 1900.	109 13	
Total amount of interest collected to Jan. 31, on tax of 1900,	95 00	
	<hr/>	\$176,775 43
Paid City Treasurer Heard as per treasurer's receipts,	\$147,755 00	
Paid City Treasurer Heard in- terest to Jan. 31, 1901, on tax of 1900,	95 00	
Balance, cash on hand Jan. 31, 1900,	10 74	
Balance of uncollected taxes due the city on tax of 1900,	28,914 69	
	<hr/>	\$176,775 43

Very respectfully,

JAMES E. GOODWIN,

Collector for 1900.



## Report of Street Commissioner.

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TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
BIDDEFORD :

GENTLEMEN :—I have the honor of submitting the following brief statement of the work done under my supervision as Street Commissioner, Highway District No. 4, during the past year :

We have macadamized Alfred street from Union street to Birch street ; Pool street has been graveled from Clifford street to the top of the hill in front of the residence of Alfred Goodwin ; South street from Elm street nearly to Green street ; May street graveled and repaired from the brook nearly to the residence of Henry I. Lord ; Birch street from Graham to Green street ; Elm street from King's Corner to Cutts street ; Summer street from Mt. Vernon street to the turn in Summer street.

We have repaired hills on Oak and Acorn streets with stone chips, attaining the best results, considering the money expended, of any repairing done this season.

Acorn street has been extended from Pike street to Clifford Park, and a stone culvert has been constructed across Gove street.

The city has on hand quite a large amount of rock blasted from ledges on Pike street above Pool street, which will make the best of material for repairing the streets early in the spring.

### PAVING.

Paving has been furnished and laid in the heater piece at the junction of Elm and Lincoln streets. There has been relaid 304 yards of paving on Elm street.

## SIDEWALKS.

New brick sidewalks have been laid as follows: on Elm street, 1,225 feet; Sullivan street, 1,100 feet; Main and Water streets, 1,000 feet.

Old brick sidewalks have been relaid as follows: on Hill street, 1,050 feet; Foss street, 420 feet.

New concrete sidewalks have been laid on Main, High and Sullivan streets, 423 feet of new curbing has been set, and 609 feet of old curbing re-set.

New cross-walks have been laid on Water, Summer, Birch, High and Jefferson streets, and one re-laid on Summer street.

A new sidewalk has been made on Birch street by blasting out a ledge on that street. All the good ashes which could be obtained, as well as quite a large amount of gravel, have been used in building and repairing sidewalks on different streets in District No. 4.

## SEWERS AND DRAINS.

New pipe sewers have been laid on the following streets: Bacon street, 180 feet of 15-inch pipe and 60 feet of 12-inch pipe; Sullivan street, 300 feet of 15-inch pipe; Cleaves street, 336 feet of 15-inch pipe; from the river to Cleaves street, 222 feet of 18-inch pipe; Elm street, 360 feet of 15-inch pipe; Adams Court, 95 feet of 10-inch pipe; Small's Court, 90 feet of 10-inch pipe; 315 feet of different sizes of pipe have been laid in making repairs; a box drain 300 feet long of 8x12 plank has been built from Anthony Dwyer's house to a point near Mile Brook sewer. I would recommend the completion of this drain. Twenty-nine Concord trap grates and five old-style granite covers have been put in during the past year.

## BRIDGES.

Twenty thousand feet of spruce plank have been used in repairing Bradbury bridge, and 2,000 feet in repairing Main street bridge.

I would make the following suggestions for your consideration: The city should own a portable stone crusher and thus be able to make its own macadam from the ledges which are located in and at

the sides of our streets. One of the street sprinklers should have a new tank, and the running gear needs to be thoroughly overhauled. By attending to this it will be possible to avoid a great many repairs at times when the sprinkler is most needed. The condition of the principal streets would be greatly improved by the relaying of a portion of the paving. I would recommend that a part of this work be done each year.

I would also recommend the relaying of a large part of the brick sidewalks on Main street.

The condition of Mile Brook sewer should have special attention early in the coming season. The Alfred street sewer should be straightened at the lower end in order to prevent the water from backing up and running into the cellars on that street. There is great need of extending the Elm street sewer to Five Points and of extending the Wentworth street sewer to the school house on that street.

I wish to thank the mayor, the city council and the J. S. committee on streets for the assistance which they have rendered me in the discharge of the duties of my office during the past year.

GOWEN EMMONS,

Street Commissioner Dist. No 4.





## Report of City Physician.

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TO HIS HONOR THE MAYOR AND THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF BIDDEFORD:

GENTLEMEN:—I hereby submit my annual report of the vital statistics of the Pauper Department for the year ending Feb. 14, 1901.

The number of visits made to the City Farm were 126; number made to the out-patients' department, 487; a total of 623 professional visits to the city poor; number of office consultations, 148.

Number of deaths at the City Farm during the year were 5; number among those treated outside the farm, 9. The following are given as causes of death: from pneumonia, 1; phthisis, 3; locomotor ataxia, 2; homeaplegia, 1; cancer of bowels, 1; uraemia, 1; abscess of liver, 1; tuberculosis of bowels, 1; senility, 1; pyæmia, 1; spinal sclerosis, 1; the ages at death of each being respectively. 77, 65, 82, 69, 50, 18, 36, 60, 42, 45, 53, 15, 52 and 50 years.

The City Physician feels it incumbent on him to again call the attention of your honorable body to the necessity of a suitable Infirmary Annex to our City Farm buildings, to the end that the city may have proper conveniences for the care of the unfortunate sick who must apply for aid and treatment.

For years past the utility of a separate building designed for hospital work and purposes has been greatly felt. No adequate arrangements can now be made for invalids under the care of the city physician at the city farm, where quiet, seclusion and proper cleanliness are desired. As constructed, the present buildings are wholly

unadapted for the above purpose. There are cases presenting themselves to the city physician during the year which have to be treated in the out patient department, calling for the services of a private Annex, where board, nursing and medicine aggregate a considerable expense to the city, a large part of which could be avoided if we had a suitable building in which we could treat these patients. Many suffering from typhoid fever, pneumonia and some other very serious diseases, together with those requiring surgical treatment, cannot be properly cared for under the present arrangement provided by the city. With the addition suggested in this report, to our buildings at the City Farm, at an expense of from \$2,000 or \$2,500, or even less than this amount, the city would be able to offer to those under its charge requiring medical or surgical aid much greater comfort than it is possible to give at this time.

The city physician would urge, especially at this time when our finances seem to be so near the debt limit, that your honorable body give this question an early and practical consideration, so that we may, in respect to this matter, find our city abreast of other municipalities throughout the state.

I would also recommend that a separate lodging room at the Police Station be provided and fitted for the temporary treatment of those detained there who may be taken suddenly ill. Many times during the year such accommodation is greatly needed.

The city physician would respectfully call the attention of your honorable body to the necessity of replacing the telephone now at the City Farm and connecting at present only with the office of the clerk of the overseers of the poor, with one attached to the circuit of the New England Telephone Co., so that direct connection with the office of the city physician, police station and other points could be maintained at all times. A little thought will show how great the advantage will be by this arrangement. Direct connection with the City Farm for many reasons is desirable by all officials having anything to do with duties relating to the farm. The present arrangement has proven wholly unsatisfactory and expensive during the past year.

Medical supplies furnished the pauper department during the past year have cost the city a fraction over 96 cents a day. Liberality consistent with proper economy has been the rule in furnishing patients with what they required while under my charge.

I feel under great obligations to Jeremiah Dearborn and Mrs. Dearborn for many little attentions to me when needing their assistance in performing my professional duties at the City Farm. Very much of the comfort of those under their care is due to the interest which Mr. and Mrs. Dearborn always feel in them.

My relations with Alfred Bonneau, clerk of the overseers of the poor, have been cordial and co-operative during the past year. His discrimination in permitting only the worthy poor free medical treatment has been in the interest of economy for the city.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERIC L. DAVIS,

City Physician.

Biddeford, Feb. 22, 1901.



## Report of Board of Police.

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TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIDDEFORD.

GENTLEMEN:— The Board of Police of the City of Biddeford has the honor to submit its annual report to the City Council for the year ending January 31, 1901.

The personnel of the department has not materially changed from former years. We have a City Marshal, Deputy Marshal and, at present, six patrolmen besides the Deputy Marshal, making seven regular patrolmen on duty all the time, which is one less than during the summer and autumn. Alderic Martin and Elmer E. Whitney resigned their positions to engage in other business; Simon Roderique was transferred from janitor at the Station House to be a patrolman in place of one of the men who had resigned, while the place of the other man was left vacant, and William R. Benson, a reserve officer, was placed in the station to take the place of Officer Roderique.

We have now eleven reserve officers and thirteen special officers for special duty, without pay.

The report of the City Marshal as submitted to the board is as follows:

Whole number of arrests for the year ending Jan. 31, 1901,  
515

Intoxication,	399
Assault,	38
Tramps and vagrants,	27
Larceny,	16

Breaking and entering,	11
Various offenses.	24
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	515

The appropriations by the City Council for the year 1900 were \$7,500, the expenditures were \$7,381.39, leaving a balance of \$118.61.

The amount of expenditures as above is the whole expense of the department for the year. We draw warrants for each month for the expense of that month. In some cases the warrants are not presented promptly and remain unpaid for a while. We show the amount of warrants drawn and the Treasurer shows the amount paid, which explains why our books and the Treasurer's do not balance alike always.

This board desires to call the attention of the City Council to the needs of the department to certain improvements necessary to its efficiency.

First, the arrangement of the rooms and offices of the department is inconvenient and unsuitable for the uses they were designed for; the cell room particularly is not a fit place for the confinement of human beings, which any member of the City Government will see at once on examination. We have no suitable place for the detention of females, no padded cells for males or females who are violent and need restraint, and no private room for consultation with the officers.

We also need a signal system and some other improvements which would make our police force more efficient and more like that of other cities of our size.

We would suggest a meeting of the board with the committee of the City Council for a survey and examination of the premises, to determine what, if anything, could be done.

The board has seen and noticed the need of improvements, but on account of the financial conditions in the city have waited, hoping

that the time might come when some improvement in the above direction might be entered on.

Respectfully submitted,

ESREFF H. BANKS.

JAMES F. TARR.

N. B. WALKER.

Board of Police,

Biddeford, Feb. 1, 1901.





Fire Department.



# Report of Fire Department.

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TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN:—In accordance with the provisions of the city ordinances, I herewith submit my report as Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, for the year ending Jan. 31, 1901.

The report embraces the organization of the department, a list of all fires and alarms, the condition of the apparatus, buildings and horses, location of all fire-alarm boxes and hydrants and other matters pertaining to the department.

## ORGANIZATION.

Chief Engineer—Benjamin Goodier.

1st Assistant—John R. Bonser.

2nd Assistant—John Munday.

## RICHARD VINES S. F. E. CO., NO. 1.

Foreman—Charles H. Bonser.

Assistant Foreman—Henry B. Hayes.

Clerk—Granville E. Smith.

Engineer—Robert H. Bryant.

Fireman—Harlan P. Googins.

Driver—John T. O'Rourke.

Pipe and Hosemen—Walter I. Gordon, Charles H. Murch, Daniel Twomey, Will L. Smith, Israel Velandre, David Elliott, Jesse Townsend.

Substitutes—Joseph Fournier, George H. Hayford.

## EBEN SIMPSON S. F. E. CO , NO. 2.

Foreman—Thomas Rennicks.

Assistant Foreman—David L. Mulcahy.

Clerk—George N. Goldthwaite.

Engineer—Erwin S. Gowen.

Fireman—Edward J. Sullivan.

Drivers—Frank Proctor and Leon Cote.

Pipe and Hosemen—John Keithly, James McConnell, Everett Goodwin, Almon Hill, John Whelan, Joseph Lausier, Frank M. Shapleigh Harry Chellis, Jeremiah Sullivan.

## WELCOME HOOK AND LADDER CO., NO. 1.

Foreman—George P. Nickerson.

Assistant Foreman—Arthur L. Sellers.

Clerk—George E. Townsend.

Axe and Laddermen—James E. Gowen, Aleck Lausier, John Doyle, James Farley, Sumner R. Fowler, Joseph T. Cote, William Breton, Herbert E. Brooks, Joseph Hotte.

## HORSES.

There are six horses in the department and they are in good shape. It was found necessary, the first of the year, to dispose of one of the black horses on No. 1 hose wagon, and a new one was purchased at a cost of \$125, the dealer taking the old horse in exchange. As there was but one horse for No. 2 hose wagon, on the recommendation of the Chief Engineer the committee on Fire Department purchased a gray horse at a cost of \$200, thereby greatly increasing the efficiency of the department.

## TEAMS.

There are two dump-carts and one pair of sleds, all in fair condition.

## APPARATUS.

The apparatus belonging to the department consists of two steam fire-engines, two hose wagons, two hose pungs, two hose reels and one hook and ladder truck. The apparatus is all in good shape.

except the ladder truck which, with the ladders, is in a dangerous condition, having been in the department about 22 years and being utterly worn out. I would earnestly recommend the purchase of a combination chemical and hook and ladder truck and also a pair of horses for the same. as we have few fires in the course of the year but what could be extinguished with a chemical, thereby saving a great amount of water damage. It must be evident to your honorable body that when a fire occurs in the upper story of one of our business blocks, and we have nothing but water with which to extinguish it, there must be a large amount of water damage, which the use of a chemical would do away with. The rest of the apparatus will need only slight repairs to put it in first-class condition.

#### BUILDINGS.

The buildings of the department are in such a condition that hardly a week passes but that repairs have to be made, and during the coming year all of them will have to be shingled and a new floor laid in No. 1 house and in the hook and ladder house. It is a matter of regret that the city cannot see its way clear to build new quarters for the department, since it has such a fine lot and considering the fact that it costs such a large sum each year to maintain the old houses.

#### HOSE.

The department has about 5,000 feet of hose, and it is a very small amount for a city of the size of Biddeford. Five hundred feet of hose have been purchased during the past year, and I would recommend the purchase of 2,000 feet as soon as possible.

#### WASTE

Another department has been added to the Fire Department this year, that of gathering the city waste. The work has been done with about half the cost at which the same work was formerly done, and there have been but few complaints.

#### FIRE-ALARM.

The fire-alarm line has been rebuilt this year at a cost of about

\$225. This was made necessary on account of a change in the location of the poles on which the wires are strung, belonging to the York Light and Heat Co.

#### DRIVERS.

There has been a great deal of trouble with the drivers on account of the fact that the city has but two tenements, while there are three drivers. I would recommend that the drivers be paid a fair compensation for their services, and that they be required to furnish their own rents and sleep in the engine house. I wish to call your attention to the fact that the drivers are obliged to give the whole of their time, day and night, to the city, and they should be paid such a salary as will enable the Board of Engineers to secure the services of first-class men who are reliable in all respects. Our police officers are paid two dollars per day for twelve hours' services, and it seems only reasonable that the drivers should be paid as much for twenty-four hours' services.

I would recommend that the two tenements in the engine houses be given to the companies for their use. With a small outlay the tenements could be so arranged that members of the companies could sleep there nights (there are a number of unmarried men in each company who would be glad to do so), and in the event of an alarm in the night they would arrive at the fire with the apparatus, thereby insuring help when it is always most needed, at the beginning of a fire.

#### FIRES AND ALARMS.

There have been 34 fires and alarms this year as follows:

Feb. 14, 1900, 7.55 P. M., box 46—Fire in tenement house No. 29 Summer street; cause, lamp upset.

March 2, 1900, 7.30 P. M., box 26—Fire in dwelling house of Charles E. Goodwin; cause unknown.

March 15, 1900, 10.25 A. M., box 57—Fire in Union Block in rooms of Metropolitan Ins. Co.; cause, hot ashes.

April 7, 1900, 12.35 noon, box 46—Chimney on fire in tenement house corner of Foss and Summer streets.

April 28, 1900, 8.50 A. M., box 26—Fire in carriage shop of Joseph Gooch; cause, defective chimney.

April 28, 1900, 8 P. M., box 58—Fire in shed in rear of No. 29 Main street; cause unknown.

May 12, 1900, 9.50 A. M., box 37—Brush fire in city cemetery; cause unknown.

May 12, 1900, 12 P. M., box 57—Fire in No. 4 Alfred street, owned by John Berry; cause, incendiary.

May 29, 1900, 8.05 A. M., box 25—Fire in tenement house No. 94 Elm street, owned by R. Jordan; cause, children and matches.

June 4, 1900, 8.20 A. M., box 46—Fire on roof of tenement house No. 28 Foss street, owned by Perley Edgecome; cause, sparks from chimney.

June 12, 1900, 11.40 A. M., box 56—Fire on roof of building No. 22, Washington street, owned by J. G. Brackett; cause, sparks from chimney.

June 21, 1900, 10.55 A. M., box 54—Fire in building occupied by Record Pub. Co., also in dwelling in rear; cause unknown.

July 3, 1900, 2.35 A. M., box 57—Fire in Adams Block, Alfred street, in store occupied by J. A. Marin; cause unknown.

July 4, 1900, 8 A. M., box 45—Fire in dwelling house No. 79 Hill street, owned by Mrs. Dolliff; cause, fire works.

July 24, 1900, 1.35 A. M., box 26—Fire in hen house owned by William Rice on Cutts street; cause unknown.

Aug. 5, 1900, 2.25 P. M., box 34—Bush fire in Piper field; cause unknown.

Aug. 12, 1900, 9.25 A. M., box 45—Alarm caused by the children of Charles Trott, No. 55 Summer street. They exploded some gunpowder in the house.

Aug. 19, 1900, 10.15 P. M., box 47—Fire in stable in rear of 63 Pool street owned by Mary E. Haines; cause unknown.

Aug. 23, 1900—Still alarm from Boston & Maine dump.

Aug. 25, 1900, 11.10 P. M., box 25—Fire in Boston & Maine dump; cause, sparks from locomotive.



Sept. 3, 1900, 5.25 P. M., box 26—Alarm caused by the explosion of a boiler at the York Light & Heat Co.

Oct. 5, 1900, 11.45 P. M., box 57—Fire in water closet of Hooper Block, Main street ; cause, cigar stubs.

Nov. 3, 1900, 8.10 P. M., box 27—Fire in the Proctor and Deering box shop ; cause unknown.

Nov. 16, 1900, 1.30 P. M., box 49—Fire in dwelling house No. 20 Pierson's Lane, owned by Louis Cyr ; cause, kettle of tar.

Dec. 3, 1900, 2.30 P. M., box 58—Kettle of tar on fire in rear of No. 1 Hill street.

Dec. 4, 1900, 9.57 P. M., box 56—Fire in Hooper Block, No. 91 Main street, store of D. Abisalah & Son ; cause unknown.

Dec. 10, 1900, 1 P. M., box 56—Fire in tenement house No. 10 Washington street, owned by Luques heirs ; cause, child with matches.

Dec. 14, 5.45 P. M., box 34—Alarm caused by the upsetting of a lamp in the Simpson house on South street.

Dec. 25, 3.50 A. M., box 45—False alarm.

Jan. 5, 1901, 8.35 A. M., box 46—Fire in tenement No. 26 Foss street, owned by Henry Petrin ; cause, children and matches.

Jan. 7, 1901, 6.10 A. M., box 45—Fire in tenement No. 43 Summer street, owned by Jesse Gould ; cause, smoking in bed

Jan. 23, 1901, 6.45 P. M., box 57—Fire in tenement house No. 1 King street, owned by Rishworth Jordan ; cause, lamp exploded.

July 1, 1900—The farm buildings of Fred M. O'Neil located on the Pool road were burned with their contents.

Sept. 29, 1900—The grocery store of J. F. Goldthwaite located on the Pool road was burned with the contents.

These two fires were outside the fire limits and the department did not respond.

## FIRE-ALARM BOXES.

- No. 12 No-school signal.  
 24 City farm.  
 25 Smith's corner, in front of Mosher's block.  
 26 Elm street, opposite entrance to National hall.  
 27 Main street, near corner of Western avenue.  
 28 Highland street, near Main street.  
 34 King's corner, near residence of J. B. Palmer.  
 35 At corner of South and Green streets.  
 36 Elm street, opposite residence of Fred Emmons.  
 37 Alfred street, near residence of N. Kimball.  
 38 Union street, near residence of V. A. Sprague.  
 43 Alfred street, near residence of J. B. Murphy.  
 45 Summer street, corner of Mt. Vernon street.  
 46 Pool street, near Methodist church.  
 47 Pool street, corner Pike street.  
 48 Pool street, opposite residence of H. P. Atkinson.  
 49 Bacon street, corner Pierson's lane.  
 54 Main street, corner Lincoln street.  
 56 Engine house, Washington street.  
 57 Main street, corner Alfred street.  
 58 Main street, opposite Hill street.

## LOCATION OF HYDRANTS.

- No. 1 City farm yard.  
 2 Corner of Main and Highland streets.  
 3 Main street, near Eastern railroad station.  
 4 Main street, corner of Western avenue.  
 5 Main street, corner of Bradbury street.  
 6 Elm street, corner of Main street.  
 7 Jefferson street, corner of Main street.  
 8 Adams street, near corner of Main street.  
 9 Lincoln street, corner of Main street.  
 10 Main street, corner of Washington street.  
 11 Main street, corner of Franklin street.

- 12 Corner of Alfred and Main streets.
- 13 Main street, corner of Emery street
- 14 Main street, corner of Hill street.
- 15 Sullivan street, corner of Water street.
- 16 Water street, foot of Pike street.
- 17 Pike street, foot of Cross street.
- 18 Pool street, foot of Oak street.
- 19 Pool street, near corner of Pike street.
- 20 Pool street, near residence of P. A. Freeman.
- 21 Pool street, near front of residence of H. P. Atkinson.
- 22 Sullivan street, near corner of Bacon street.
- 23 Hill street, between Main and Bacon streets.
- 24 Emery street, corner of Bacon street.
- 25 Hill street, corner of Pool street.
- 26 Hill street, corner of Acorn street.
- 27 Hill street, near corner of Fall street.
- 28 Hill street, near the Geo. W. Ward house.
- 29 Pool street, near corner Foss street.
- 30 Foss street, corner of Mt. Vernon street.
- 31 Foss street, corner of Fall street.
- 32 Alfred street, near head of Franklin street.
- 33 Alfred street, corner of Pool street.
- 34 Alfred street, near corner of Washington street.
- 35 Alfred street, corner of Birch street.
- 36 Alfred street, near corner of Myrtle street.
- 37 Alfred street, corner of Union street.
- 38 Alfred street, front of residence of Lysander Emmons.
- 39 Alfred street, near residence of James H. Fogg.
- 40 Alfred street, near " Five Points "
- 41 Jefferson street, corner of Washington street.
- 42 South street, corner of Jefferson street.
- 43 South street, corner of Green street.
- 44 South street, corner of Elm street.
- 45 South street, near corner of State street.

- 46 South street, near residence of Chas. E. Atwood.
- 47 South street, just above Eastern railroad bridge.
- 48 South street, corner of Highland street.
- 49 Highland street, opposite residence of Charles H. Andrews.
- 50 Elm street, corner of Walnut street.
- 51 Corner of Gooch and Elm streets.
- 52 Elm street, front of Boston & Maine freight station.
- 53 Elm street, corner of Pearl street.
- 54 Elm street, head of Centre street.
- 55 Elm street, just above Mason street.
- 56 Elm street, corner of Union street.
- 57 Hooper street, top of hill.
- 58 Lincoln street, near corner of Stone street.
- 59 Lincoln street, near corner of Pearl street.
- 60 Green street, near corner of Birch street.
- 61 Union street, corner of Graham street.
- 62 Summer street, opposite residence of James F. Wormwood.
- 63 Smith street, opposite Water Power foundry.
- 64 Wentworth street, near school house.
- 65 Elm street, corner of Taylor street.
- 66 Elm street, corner of Dartmouth street.
- 67 Jefferson street, corner of Adams street.

Before closing I wish to express my thanks to the fire committee, to the police force and to Assistants Bonser and Munday for their willing co-operation at all times, and also to the officers and members of the several companies.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN GOODIER,

Chief Engineer.



## Report of Overseers of the Poor.

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TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL :

GENTLEMEN : — I hereby submit to you the report of the Pauper Department for the fiscal year, 1900.

Even if we acknowledge that the circumstances of our municipal government have been favorable, generally, during last year, the poor have been with us just the same.

During the last year assistance has been given to different families and individuals according to the following table :

February,	1900,	184 persons.
March,	"	224 "
April,	"	214 "
May,	"	204 "
June,	"	172 "
July,	"	155 "
August,	"	133 "
September,	"	144 "
October,	"	148 "
November,	"	155 "
December,	"	159 "
January,	1901,	180 "
Grand total,		2,072

The assistance given was in the way of food, fuel, clothing, shoes, burials and tickets of transportation.

The Pauper Department, at present, is run under three divisions, namely: Street Department, Farm Department and Medical Department.

The monthly expenditures for the year have been as follows :

	Street Dept.	Farm Dept.	Med. Dept.	Totals
Feb.	\$ 544 34	\$ 240 90	\$ 70 50	\$ 855 74
Mar.	511 34	330 64	67 93	909 91
Apr.	511 38	285 62	74 15	871 15
May	490 37	348 48	65 87	904 82
June	455 43	402 79	59 44	917 66
July	421 25	397 73	37 50	856 48
Aug.	369 46	269 60	57 70	696 76
Sept.	415 57	291 34	64 20	771 11
Oct.	475 21	307 08	51 20	833 49
Nov.	475 36	521 12	71 10	1,067 58
Dec.	396 31	355 87	97 80	849 98
Jan.	524 03	462 25	82 03	1,068 31
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1900,	\$5,590 15	\$4,213 42	\$799 42	
1899,	\$5,834 22	\$3,630 82	\$802 06	

Grand total for the year. \$10,602 99

Appropriated by City Council, \$11 500 00

By cash paid city treasurer from the farm and other sources, 308 68

Total, \$11,808 68

Total expense of 1900, \$10,602 99

Among the items paid from this year's appropriation and contracted last year were the following items :

By auditor's report, Aug. 13, 1900,	\$163 00
By Nelson bill, Hollis, Me.,	106 44
By Benson bill, Hollis, Me.,	12 00
By Dr. Pillsbury's bill, Saco,	29 65

Now if we deduct the amount of the salaries paid in this department from the total expense, that is, clerk's salary, \$800 ; farm



superintendent, \$500 ; city physician, \$450 ; help on the farm (2), \$344 ; making a total of \$2,134, it leaves an expense of \$705.67 per month in average during the past twelve months.

#### ALMSHOUSE.

Under the delicate care and attention of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Dearborn the inmates of the almshouse have enjoyed all the comforts that can be had at the institution. I certainly must give them due credit in this report for the manner in which the house and farm have been managed. Following is a statement of the number of inmates at the farm during each month :

February,	43 persons.
March,	36 "
April 1.	30 "
April 30,	34 "
May,	35 "
June,	37 "
July 1,	38 "
July 31.	41 "
August,	41 "
September 1,	42 "
September 30,	44 "
October,	40 "
November,	39 "
December,	38 "
January, 1901,	38 "

During last year five persons have died at the farm.

The following products have been raised on the farm :

Potatoes, 250 bushels ; beets, 25 bushels ; turnips, 20 bushels ; onions, 25 bushels ; beans, 10 bushels ; oats, 70 bushels ; hay, 30 tons ; cabbage, 1,000 pounds.

#### CITY PHYSICIAN

Dr. Fred L. Davis has held the above position for the last three years, and he has been not only a faithful servant to the city, but a true and good friend to the poor and sick of our city either in the



almshouse or the street department.

Dr. Davis's report can be referred to for the details of this department.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED BONNEAU,

Clerk Overseers of Poor.

# Report of Board of Health.

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TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL :

The Board of Health of the City of Biddeford herewith submits its annual report, ending Feb. 1, 1901.

Considering the character of our population, poor drainage and the many old vaults not properly cleaned, the health of the city has been fairly good the past year. During the year there have been 375 deaths, of which 25 deaths were of pulmonary consumption, 2 of scarlet fever and 3 of diphtheria. Typhoid fever has been epidemic to some extent, 48 cases having been reported, with 9 deaths. One hundred and eight nuisances have been reported and 97 abated. All houses where scarlet fever and diphtheria have prevailed have been thoroughly fumigated, and every precaution taken to prevent the spread of these diseases. The city has been remarkably free from scarlet fever and diphtheria this year.

For the general health of the city, our sewerage system should be extended and developed as soon as possible, so as to do away with the many old vaults and sink drains that are nuisances and disease breeders. We also think the dumping of waste near the residential portion of our city is a menace to the health of those living near these places of deposit. The stench that arises from these dumping grounds on any warm day in summer is almost unbearable, and, in our judgment, it would be for the benefit of the health of the city to have this waste burned instead of being dumped to rot and smell as it does now. The expense of a crematory for burning this waste would not be heavy, besides these dumps do not particularly

enhance the beauty of the landscape in their immediate vicinity. Property-holders should be made to keep clean and neat their premises.

E. L. COWAN,  
Chairman.

## Public Library.

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TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE :

GENTLEMEN :— The following is a report of the work of the Public Library for the year ending Jan. 31, 1901.

During the year 238 volumes have been added to the library—186 by purchase, 45 by binding and 7 by gift.

Each year an effort has been made to expend a good portion of the small sum available for new books in works of a more solid and useful nature. The past year a number of standard works on history have been purchased, and these, with Larned's "History for Ready Reference," make a valuable addition to the library.

There have been 87 books repaired, 20 withdrawn and 1 lost. The average weekly circulation was 284 volumes. The largest weekly circulation was in February—397 volumes. One hundred and twelve new cards have been issued.

The reading room is furnished with 41 periodicals—31 by purchase and 10 by gift.

On account of the crowded state of things in the library, some immediate arrangements for new shelving will be necessary.

It will greatly add to the convenience of the patrons of the library to have supplementary catalogues printed as soon as possible. The money expended for this purpose would be returned in part, as many of the catalogues would be purchased for home use.

A work that would add to the strength of the library in the way of reference matter is the gradual filling out and buying the sets of magazines indexed in the "Abridged Poole's Index." This index,

now in process of publication, is especially for the advantage of small libraries.

In making out lists of books any suggestions from the teachers of the public schools of books that will help in school work will be acted upon and will materially assist the librarian to increase the usefulness of the library.

During the past year several French books have been received, given unknown, also the usual number of public documents.

The library is under obligations to Mrs. E. M. Tatterson, Mrs. Charles Roberts, Miss Emma Pillsbury, Miss Ellen Susan Bulfinch, W. H. Watson, H. S. Underwood, the W. C. T. U. and the Library Bureau.

Very respectfully,

EMMA HATCH,

Librarian.

## Report of City Solicitor.

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TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL .

During the past year the city has been very fortunate in having a very small number of suits brought against it.

An old case of Michael Conlon vs. the City of Biddeford, which has been pending for a long time, was this term of the Supreme Judicial Court entered neither party with no expense to the city.

Another action, John B. Hamelin vs. the City of Biddeford, reported to the law court about a year ago, is still pending and a decision is expected at any time. Should this be determined against the city, it would necessitate the expenditure of a large sum of money in the vicinity of West Brook and Mile Brook so-called, which the city should attend to immediately, irrespective of its legal liability. That these brooks, which have practically become sewers, are becoming nuisances and endangering the health of a large number of our citizens, besides encroaching on the property rights of abutting owners, can hardly be disputed, and unless remedied the city may become involved in litigation that might result to its disadvantage.

The suit of Daniel Cote against the city for salary claimed by him to be his due as the de jure officer in the office of City Marshal has attracted considerable attention recently. This action was begun about a year ago, and the trial at this last term in the Supreme Judicial Court resulted in a disagreement of the jury. I do not believe the plaintiff's position can be sustained as a matter of law, even if the facts were as plaintiff claims, but the defence set up

was abandonment of the office by the plaintiff, and as this was a question for the jury, the plaintiff failed in having his contention on this issue sustained. Doubtless the action will be tried again at some future term of the court.

In addition to these cases in court many questions of law have been submitted to me by the mayor and the various heads and branches of the city government for my opinion on important legal questions, and I have endeavored to comply with all these requests as best I could. My relations with the members of the City Council and officers of the city have been most cordial, and I thank them for the courtesy and forbearance at all times shown me.

Respectfully submitted.

FRANK W. HOVEY,  
City Solicitor.



## Report of Assessors.

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TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL :

We hereby respectfully submit our annual report and also such facts as have come to our attention and which we hope your honorable body will carefully consider.

As the assessment of taxes is the source of almost all the revenue of the city, the city should have this department as nearly perfect as possible. To that end we would recommend and earnestly ask your honorable body that the salary of the assessors be made adequate to the work required, so that justice may be done to all taxpayers. We have done what we could to improve the work of making the assessments, but as to the assistant assessors, that part of the work should be left entirely to the assessors themselves, they having the power to hire assistants and pay them good wages, rather than having the work done by the job, as is the present mode. This is a very important matter and one in which the city could be benefited in many ways, and many abatements for polls and for wrong valuation of personal property might be done away with.

Another matter which we consider very necessary is that the office of the assessors should be opened to the public, and the city should hire a clerk, as is done in other cities. This clerk would have work enough to do in looking up the locations and descriptions of real estate and having the same entered on the books correctly. The present descriptions, which have been copied for many years, are not desirable, are misleading for the tax collector and are not satisfactory to the tax-payers. We have responded to every claim



for re-valuation and have adjusted matters to the best of our capacity and for the best interests of the city.

We believe that the city, in its present condition and with the very laudable way that every department has been administered for the last five years, should undertake to improve the source from which all the monies come to pay the expenses of the different departments of the city. We would suggest that the assessors should be paid enough to put more time into the work of re-valuation of property, as we have no doubt some properties are taxed too high, others too low. Having more time, the assessors could make a start in having the descriptions in the books corrected and also the valuations. The city would receive more money than it would pay out for the work, and the tax-payers would have a fair valuation.

The valuation of real estate for the year 1900 is \$5,781,335. The valuation of personal property is \$990,814, making a total of \$6,772,149. The rate being 25 mills on the dollar, the assessment on real and personal estates is \$169,304.43, to which we add 3,688 polls at \$2 each. viz: \$7,376, making the total assessment for 1900, \$176,680.43. The tax levy is divided as follows: state tax, \$22,006.18; county tax, \$8,820.91; municipal appropriations, \$139,950. making a total of \$170,777.09. The last amount deducted from the total assessment left us an overlay of \$5,903.34.

Net increase of real estate valuation over 1899.	\$73,773 00
Net increase of personal valuation over 1899,	30,399 00

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\$104,172 00

Total increase,	\$894 00
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Net increase of polls over 1899, 187.

We have received increased valuation from the Saco River Lumber Co., Pepperell Mfg. Co., Saco and Pettee Machine Shops the new blocks of the Smith Dry Goods Co. and Dr. Warren, and also from the St. John's and Masonic buildings, as well as quite a number of new houses in the city and at the Pool. The loss of some real estate valuation on Bacon street where the new church, parochial residence and school are located will be more than made

up in 1901 by the building boom which has been caused in that vicinity by the erection of these buildings. With the new buildings under way, and the prospects for greater building activity in the spring, the valuation for 1901 should be increased to very near the seven million mark. This would enable the city to reduce the tax rate, after having brought the city debt to the statutory limit.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. E. TARTRE,

CARLOS C. HEARD,

SAMUEL F. PARCHER

Assessors for 1900.



# Auditor's Report.

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TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL :

GENTLEMEN: —I herewith submit a report of the receipts and expenditures in the various departments of the city for the fiscal year ending Jan. 31, 1901.

The warrants from the Auditor's office have all been returned to and paid by the treasurer, except two—Justin M. Leavitt, 50 cents, and Western Electric Co., \$11; total \$11.50. This shows why there is a difference between Auditor's and Treasurer's cash balance.

GEORGE R. ANDREWS,  
Auditor.

# AUDITOR'S REPORT.

DEPARTMENTS.	Appro's Including Transfers.	Receipts from other Sources.	Debit Balance.	Total Receipts.	Expended.	Credit Balance.
Bridges,	\$ 3,200 00	\$ 7 00	\$	\$ 3,207 00	\$ 1,452 37	\$ 1,754 63
City Cemetery,	150 00	39 00		189 00	167 00	22 00
City Library,	800 00	71 07		871 07	770 77	100 30
Contingent Fund,	5,500 00	345 50		5,845 50	362 83	5,482 67
Fire Department,	10,700 00	216 84		10,916 84	10,891 47	25 37
Free Text Books,	700 00			700 00	700 00	
City Building,		5,511 98	738 56	6,250 54	6,250 54	
General Expense,	5,500 00	1,127 71		6,627 71	5,774 74	852 97
Health,	1,100 00			1,100 00	995 53	104 47
Highways, District No. 4,	6,000 00	533 97		6,533 97	5,827 87	706 10
" Fortune's Rocks,	400 00			400 00	371 56	28 44
" Hollis Road,	375 00			375 00	305 66	69 34
" Kennebunk Road,	175 00			175 00	174 50	50
" Newtown District,	375 00			375 00	333 99	41 01
" Oak Ridge,	400 00			400 00	368 54	31 46
" Pool,	425 00			425 00	398 02	26 98
" River Road, East,	450 00			450 00	448 03	1 97
" " " West,	600 00			600 00	585 75	14 25
" Ward 7, North,	225 00			225 00	213 73	11 27
" " " East,	600 00			600 00	511 70	88 30
" " " West,	325 00			325 00	299 65	25 35
Insane,	3,000 00	449 24		3,449 24	2,383 72	1,065 52
Interest,	18,000 00	1,875 80		19,875 80	17,261 45	2,614 35
Macadamizing,	2,000 00			2,000 00	1,967 48	32 52
New Streets,	500 00			500 00	300 17	199 83
Pauper Department,	11,500 00	308 68		11,808 68	10,659 20	1,149 48
Police,	7,500 00		37 39	7,537 39	7,537 39	
Salaries,	6,000 00			6,000 00	5,815 00	185 00
Sewers and Drains,	4,000 00	277 45		4,277 45	2,999 70	1,277 75
Sidewalks,	2,500 00	12 08		2,512 08	2,031 63	480 45
Street Lights,	9,600 00			9,600 00	9,520 89	79 11
Schools,	15,450 00	14,918 31		30,368 31	30,341 81	26 50
Reduction of City Debt,	10,000 00			10,000 00		10,000 00
Hydrants, etc.,	3,900 00			3,900 00	3,900 00	
Main Street Bridge,	8,000 00			8,000 00		8,000 00
	\$139,950 00	\$25,694 63	\$775 95	\$166,420 58	\$131,922 69	\$34,497 89

General Expense.



## General Expense.

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Denis Murphy, recording 81 births, deaths and marriages,	\$12 15
Biddeford & Saco Water Co., repairing hydrant, Union and Elm streets,	1 88
Record Pub. Co., 500 electric light reports,	4 75
Biddeford & Saco Water Co., repairing water trough, Sum- mer street,	3 05
York Light & Heat Co., gas for L. I. Hall, 2 mos.,	20 20
electric lighting, L. I. Hall, 1 mo.,	8 33
Record Pub. Co., 500 nomination blanks,	8 00
W. A. Foss, making caucus list,	7 00
making check list,	21 00
8 days' clerical work, \$5,	40 00
6 days revising check lists, \$5,	30 00
blotting paper, 10c, paste, 10c, eraser, 5c, pads, 14c,	39
"          5c, "    20c, pencils, 25c. pens, 15c,	65
penholders, 3c,	30
N. B. Walker, making caucus list,	7 00
"    check    "	21 00
8 days clerical work, \$4,	32 00
Anthony Dwyer, making caucus list,	7 00
"    check    "	21 00
8 days' clerical work, \$4,	32 00
6 "    revising check list, \$4,	24 00
Jas. G. C. Smith, 6 "    "    "    "	24 00
M. Woodman, services as clerk of Registration Board, 5 days,	15 00



J. C. M. Furbish, services as clerk of Registration Board, 5 days,	15 00
Record Pub Co., 100 instructions to voters,	4 50
100 " penalties,	6 00
5,880 ballots and specimens,	62 50
publishing official ballot,	49 50
H. B. Bennett Co., 7 rubber stamps,	1 40
Riverside Press printing 500 mittimus,	6 00
" " "	5 00
F. Pelletier & Co., ice for clerk's office,	3 00
E. E. Clark, 100 stamps,	2 00
Patrick M. Murphy, posting notices of city election,	2 50
Wardens, ward clerks and election clerks. 39 at \$3 each,	117 00
Francis G. Warren. use of store, election. March 12,	5 00
Denis Murphy, recording births, marriages and deaths,	20 85
John F. Burnham, paid J. M. Leavitt, register of deeds,	1 50
Paid L. J. Renouf, summoning witnesses,	1 00
W. A. Foss, clerical work on caucus list,	12 00
Anthony Dwyer, clerical work on caucus list,	11 00
James G. C. Smith, clerical work on caucus list,	11 00
James G. Garland, rent Infantry hall, 3 mos.,	87 50
Ham and Anthoine. use of stove, pipe, setting up, etc., ward 5,	1 00
" " " " 7,	1 00
trucking same,	50
Geo. E. Davis, putting up and taking down election booths,	22 75
James E. Gowen, posting notices for election boards,	3 00
Record Pub. Co., 250 nomination blanks,	2 50
300 bill heads, library,	3 25
" " sewers and drains,	3 25
" " macadamizing,	3 25
George Libarge, services as interpreter, ward 6, 7 days,	14 00
Record Pub. Co., 500 bill heads, City building,	3 25
" " salaries,	3 25
publishing assessors' notices,	9 50

La Justice, publishing notices, 3 issues.	5 25
Jason W. Libby, posting notices for assessors,	2 50
E. E. Clark, P. M., 1,000 envelopes, Fred P. Abbott,	21 20
500 " city treasurer,	12 60
Record Pub. Co., 500 blank court warrants,	8 50
W. A. Foss, envelopes and paper for municipal court,	1 50
Record Pub. Co., 1,000 envelopes, delivered to K. W.	
Sutherland,	3 50
Record Pub. Co., 250 orders, commissioner on streets,	7 50
State Reform School, 39 weeks' board, \$1. per week,	39 00
Record Pub. Co., 1,450 certificates, orders and deposition blanks,	13 00
Biddeford and Saco Water Co., labor on stand pipes,	3 14
Pettingill, Andrews Co., electric light for city clerk's office,	3 07
La Justice, printing notices fire department,	1 50
"The Bond Buyer," advertising bonds for sale,	9 75
George Libarge, assistant,	5 00
F. M. Burnham, books for assessors' use, etc.,	37 28
Biddeford and Saco Water Co., labor and supply repairing water troughs,	5 58
Geo. W. Tibbetts, repairing and supplies on road machine,	10 00
Ezekiel T. Bryant, services as asst. assessor, ward 7,	60 00
Edward A. Tetrault, " " " " 2,	35 00
Carlos Heard, expenses to Boston to procure loan,	5 50
expenses to Portland in relation to bonds,	75
Alex Marcille, on assessors' account asst.,	14 00
Wm H. Jeffrey, asst. assessor, ward 3,	35 00
D. T. Moore, recording 123 births, deaths and marriages,	18 45
E. F. Goldthwaite, asst. assessor, ward 1,	40 00
Willis Roberts, " " " " 5,	35 00
C. H. McKenney, hardware, nails, etc., for election booths,	87
J. B. E. Tartre, making dog list for assessors	15 00
Simon Guerin, services as interpreter for asst. assessors,	6 50
York Light and Heat Co., lighting Infantry hall (3 months),	29 19

Hector Guilbert, services as interpreter for asst. assessors,	14 00
Jere F. Sullivan, assistant assessor ward 4.	35 00
F. Pelletier & Co., ice two months for city clerk's office,	3 00
H. B. Bennett & Co., rubber stamps for city clerk and auditor,	3 60
Forbes Lithographing Co., 1,000 refunding loan bonds,	35 00
Timothy P. McKeering, asst. assessor ward 6,	35 00
Biddeford and Saco Water Co., valve for water pipe stand,	5 00
W. H. Watson, printing 1,200 warrants,	4 75
American Express Co., two packages from Boston,	45
John B. Lowell, rent of store to No. 2 ward room,	2 00
Western Union Tel. Co., telegram to Bangor, Boston and New York by treasurer,	78
U. S. Grant Post, G. A. R., Memorial day,	100 00
Sheridan " " "	100 00
Anthony Dwyer, work on caucus list, etc.,	11 00
W. A. Foss, " " "	12 00
James G. C. Smith, " " "	11 00
Willis E. Winship, killing dogs.	51 00
L. A. McIntire, sprinkling,	100 00
Biddeford Journal, printing for municipal court, health department, city reports, city ordinances, official ballots, assessors' notices, collector's tax notices, collecting waste notices, bond circulars, letter heads, bill heads for clerk's office, etc.,	337 81
Joseph Gooch, repairing sprinkler,	15 68
La Justice, printing tax notices,	5 00
Townsend Brothers, repairing sprinkler, spring and pole,	5 00
F. M. Burnham, assessors' books, etc.,	34 75
N. W. Kendall, supplies for clerks, office, etc.,	12 51
Dayton T. Moore, recording births, deaths and marriages, previous to June 1, 1900,	13 80
William W. Roberts, license blanks,	4 00
John M. Ackerly, flagpole,	8 20

D. T. Moore, recording births, etc., to June 16, 1900.	8 55
York Light and Heat Co., lighting Infantry hall to June 1,	8 33
Biddeford and Saco Water Co., faucets for drinking fountains,	4 75
N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co., use of telegraph to Lawrence and Old Orchard,	1 08
W. A. Greenough & Co., four copies Biddeford Directory, 1900, to city marshal, assessors, board of registration and city clerk's office,	12 00
Riverside Press, blank warrants, etc., municipal courts,	23 00
La Justice, tax collector's notice,	2 50
H. K. Lord, team for use of assessors,	10 00
W. A. Foss, 25 days' services, work on check lists in May and June,	125 00
J. G. Garland, three months' rent of Infantry hall,	87 50
James G. C. Smith, 25 days' services on check lists in May and June,	100 00
Anthony Dwyer, 25 days' services on check lists in May and June,	100 00
Willis E. Winship, to labor and services as dog officer in killing and burying 47 unlicensed dogs at \$1 each,	47 00
Carlos C. Heard, administering oath and returns in library matter,	1 25
L. A. McIntire, on account of sprinkling (in part)	150 00
E. P. Wentworth, supt., 13 weeks' board of Goodreau, Cooney and Pothier at Reform School,	39 00
Daniel Dinan, ringing bell July 4, himself and assistant,	3 00
E. E. Clark, P. M., postal cards and stamps, city clerk's office,	4 00
York Light and Heat Co., lighting Infantry hall, month of June.	8 33
Cyrus K. Banks, 25-foot board for voting lists,	88
John M. Ackerly, lumber and labor on target,	12 00
Dayton T. Moore, recording vital statistics,	16 95

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Michael J. Mogan, services ward 5, election clerk, Sept. election,	3 00
Chas. H. Bonser, services ward 4, ballot clerk, Sept. election,	3 00
Fred J. Little, " 4, " " "	3 00
Edwin E. Campbell, " 4, election " "	3 00
Frederick B. Green, services ward 6, ballot clerk, Sept. election,	3 00
J Thacher Emery, services ward 6, election clerk, Sept. election,	3 00
Patrick Cullinan, services ward 6, ballot clerk, Sept election,	3 00
Frank L. Cornish, services ward 6, election clerk, Sept. election,	3 00
Coleman J. Goodwin, services ward 5, ballot clerk, Sept. election,	3 00
Lytton E. Staples, services ward 5, ballot clerk, Sept. election,	3 00
Clarence N. Hooper, services ward 3, election clerk, Sept. election,	3 00
N. P. Renouf, services ward 3, ballot clerk, Sept. election,	3 00
Gowen Emmons, services ward 3, election clerk, Sept. election,	3 00
Herbert E. Brooks, services ward 3, ballot clerk, " "	3 00
Ophir Goldthwaite, " 1, " " "	3 00
Ezekiel T. Bryant, " 7, ward " "	3 00
John W Twomey, " 6, " " "	3 00
Timothy P McKeering, services ward 6, warden Sept. election,	3 00
John E. H. Townsend, " " 5, ward clerk Sept. election,	3 00
Michael Bowen, services ward 2, election clerk, Sept. election,	3 00
Wm. H. Donahue, " 2, " " "	3 00
Wm. H. County, " 2, ballot " "	3 00
Arthur L. Sellers, " 3, ward " "	3 00
Walter I. Gordon, " 7, election " "	3 00
Leslie Dearborn, " 7, ballot " "	3 00
Jos. H. Dearborn, " 7, election " "	3 00

Henry G. Hutchinson, 1 desk extension, assessors' office,	5 00
L. H. Kendall, 1 year's rent of room, headquarters 1st Maine Infantry, N. G. S. M.,	100 00
James G. C. Smith, services on Board of Registration,	65 00
J. C. M. Furbish, clerk of Board of Registration,	15 00
Melville Woodman, " " "	15 00
Anthony Dwyer, services on " "	65 00
W. A. Foss, " " "	76 00
W. A. Foss, ink, pens, paper, etc., for Board of Regis- tration,	2 07
William S. Fowler, setting up election booth, etc.,	19 95
York Light & Heat Co., lighting Infantry hall, August,	8 33
W. W. Roberts Co., printing book for criminal docket, Municipal Court,	10 50
McKenney & Heard, shears, check punch, etc.,	1 45
Joseph Gooch, repairs on sprinkler,	7 65
George M. Leavitt, services ward 3, warden, Sept. election,	3 00
John Munday, services ward 2, warden, Sept. election,	3 00
Silas P. Adams, services ward 4, warden, Sept. election,	3 00
Frank Proctor, services ward 4, election clerk. Sept. election,	3 00
John R. Bonser, services ward 5, election clerk, Sept. election,	3 00
John R. Staples, services ward 1, election clerk, Sept. election,	3 00
Oren B. Edwards, services ward 1, election clerk, Sept. election,	3 00
Daniel Goldthwaite, services ward 1 ballot clerk, Sept. election,	3 00
Frank H. Rumery, services ward 7, warden Sept. election,	3 00
Jeremiah Murphy, services ward 2, ballot clerk, Sept. election,	3 00
John F. Burnham, services ward 7, ballot clerk, Sept. election,	3 00

George N. Goldthwaite, services ward 1, ward clerk, Sept. election,	3 00
Edwards Pool Express, team for check lists election day, ward 1.	2 00
Riverside Press, 1,500 tax bills, collector's office,	7 00
500 letter paper, collector's office,	2 50
500 note paper, collector's office,	1 95
James E. Goodwin, 1 box steel pens for collector's office,	2 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, 1 auditor's book,	7 50
Alfred Bonneau, tax notice 1 month in "La Justice,"	3 50
Dayton T. Moore, recording 109 births, deaths and marriages,	16 35
State Reform School, 3 months' board and clothing for nine boys,	109 17
John Hanson, posting voting lists, Nov. election,	3 00
John F. Burnham, ringing bell Pavilion church,	2 00
arguing in writing, case of J. B. Hamelin, Biddeford, for law court,	25 00
J. G. Garland, rent of Infantry hall, 3 months,	87 50
Jotham Benson, cash paid for burial of James O. Benson,	35 00
E. E. Clark, request envelopes, city clerk's office,	21 20
F. P. Abbott, collector, 1898, tax sales of property, Aug. 27, 1900,	285 87
Marcus Watson, printing 300 envelopes (2 kinds),	2 25
American Express, book from Portland,	15
Record Pub. Co., adv. tax collector's notice,	8 07
L. A. McIntire, sprinkling,	100 00
James G. C. Smith, making one-third list of voters,	7 00
W. A. Foss, making one-third list of voters,	7 00
Anthony Dwyer, making one-third list of voters,	7 00
G. A. Carter & Co., insuring Simpson house,	4 50
Dayton T. Moore, recording 90 births, marriages and deaths,	13 50
Joseph C. Edwards and forty others, services at polls election day as clerks, etc., \$3 each,	123 00



Wm. S. Fowler, services putting up and taking down booths in the city wards, election; sawdust, etc..	20 50
Melville Woodman, clerk Board of Registration,	15 00
J. C. M. Furbish, clerk Board of Registration,	15 00
W. A. Foss, chairman Board of Registration and other services,	76 00
J. G. C. Smith, member Board of Registration and other services,	65 00
Anthony Dwyer, member Board of Registration and other services,	65 00
Townsend Brothers, repairing sprinkler,	2 75
C. H. Prescott, printing postals. election warrants, tax no- tices, certificates of ballots used, election returns, tax circulars, court envelopes, court warrants, blank election returns, paper notices, etc.,	82 50
Riverside Press, printing tax summons and attachments,	30 00
F. Pelletier & Co., ice for city clerk's office,	3 00
Riverside Press, bill heads for fire department and bridges,	7 00
N. W. Kendall, supplies for clerk's office,	10 64
George W. Bruce, charcoal for Infantry hall,	2 00
F. S. Warren, use of building for Sept. and Nov. election,	10 00
Dayton T. Moore, recording births, deaths and marriages,	17 55
E. E. Clark, P. M., request envelopes for taxes,	43 40
Justin M. Leavitt, copy of records,	50
Ham & Anthoine, use of stoves, wards 7, 5 and 2, at election booths,	5 25
A. S. Hamilton, 4 teams to Pool and country districts,	9 50
F. M. Burnham, index books, etc.,	3 05
York Light & Heat Co., lighting Infantry hall from April 1 to December 1,	35 99
W. A. Foss, ink, pens, etc., for clerk's and other offices,	4 57
Dayton T. Moore, recording births, deaths and marriages,	12 00
E. E. Clark, P. M., stamps,	1 00
J. G. Garland, 3 months' rent Infantry hall,	87 50

E. P. Wentworth, Supt., board of 8 boys for 13 weeks at \$1 per week,	104 00
J. H. Shannon, reporting deaths and births,	25
W. T. Goodale, " " "	25
C. L. Pike, " " "	25
H. W. Hurd, " " "	75
J. M. O'Connor, " " "	1 25
L. D. Dennett, " " "	50
H. A. Weymouth, " " "	50
R. S. Graves, " " "	1 50
L. E. Willard, " " "	50
J. D. Cochrane, " " "	1 00
D. A. McNally, " " "	4 00
C. W. Pillsbury, " " "	75
J. D. Haley, " " "	25
W. J. Maybury, " " "	2 25
E. D. O'Neill, " " "	16 00
M. H. Furgerson, " " "	12 50
John Lord, " " "	3 25
C. J. Emery, " " "	12 50
J. F. Trull, " " "	13 75
F. L. Davis, " " "	7 25
S. J. Bassford, " " "	19 25
E. A. Fortin, " " "	17 25
J. A. Lapointe, " " "	37 75
D. F. Racicot, " " "	4 75
N. Thivierge, " " "	9 25
Henry Reny, " " "	13 25
J. O. Chenevert, " " "	34 75
R. R. Menard, " " "	15 50
York Light & Heat Co., lighting Infantry hall, December,	8 33
Record Pub. Co., advertising for auditor,	6 00
A. Bonneau, " "	75
C. H. Prescott, advertising for tax collector, printing sum-	

mons, attachments, etc.,	28 75
N. E. Telegraph and Telephone Co., telegraph to Sanford, Boston and Alfred,	1 20
Total.	<hr/> \$5,774.74



